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New Hampshire to Set Limits on Fluorochemicals in Drinking Water

On July 10, 2018, a New Hampshire groundwater protection bill (SB 309) was signed by Governor Christopher Sununu. The new law calls for the state to set maximum contaminant limits for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) by January 2019. Importantly, the law allows the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to establish rules regarding the chemicals polluting air and being deposited on soils and water; to regulate devices that are emitting or may potentially emit air pollutants; to periodically review ambient groundwater quality; and to establish water quality standards for PFOS, PFOA, PFNA, and PFHxS.